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SUBJECT: SHIMA'S LETTER TO FLETCHER

1. ON SEPTEMBER 27,NASDA PROVIDED SCICOUNS COPY OF LETTER FROM DR. HIDEO SHIMA, PRESIDENT OF NASDA (NATIONAL SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF JAPAN) TO DR. FLETCHER, NASA ADMINISTRATOR.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

I AM VERYPLEASED TO KNOW THAT, BEING ACCOPANIED BY MR. U. JOHN SAKSS, YOU ARE COMING TO JAPAN IN EARLY OCTOBER AND STAYING ABOUT A WEEK TO VISIT SEVERAL SPACE RELATED SPOTS OF OUR COUNTRY. BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE YOU HAVE GIVEN US FOR THE PROGRESS OF NASDA'S SPACE AACTIVITIES.

INCIDENTALLY, WE HAVE RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THE OMC'S APPROVAL OF THE LICENSE FOR THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FROM THE UNITED STATES NECESSARY FOR OUR DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING OF CASTOR II IS STILL PENDING. AS THE ACQUISITION OF THIS LICENSE IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN OUR DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF N LAUNCH VEHICLE, WE HAVE A GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THIS MATTER.

WE SHOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU THAT THIS TECHNOLOGY IS NEEDED IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT N-ROCKET PROGRAM, COOPERATION IN WHICH IS PROVIIEED FOR BY US/JAPANESE 1969 SPACE AGREEMENT. AND, TO RAISE
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THE PERCENTAGE OF THE DOMESTIC MANUFACTURED PORTION OF N LAUNCH

VEHICLES IS NOT ONLY THE FUNDAMENTAL POLICY ASSIGNED TO NASDA,
BUT IT IS INDISPENSABLE TO US IN OBTAINING THE NATION-WIDE
SUPPORT TO OUR PROGRAM.

WE HAVE ASKED THE OMC OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR FAVORABLE
CONSIDERATION TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE AT THE EARLIEST
POSSIBLE DATE, BUWE WOULD ALSO BE MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU, IF YOU
WOULD UNDERSTAND OUR SITUATION AND KINDLY AFFORD US ANY ASSISTANCE
WHICH MAY LIE IN YOUR AUTHORITY.

WHILE THANKING AGAIN FOR YOUR CORDIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST, I
SOLICIT THAT YOU WOULD CONTINUE THE SAME IN THE FUTURE.
I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FOR FORWARD TO THE PLEASURE OF RENEWING
ACQUITAINCE WITH YOU ALL, WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN TOKYO.
END TEXT.

3. SIMILAR LETTERS ARE BEING SENT TO GRANGER, SCI, AND WILLIAM
ROBINSON, DIRECTOR, OMC.
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